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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/534,109	Applicant(s) SMEETS ET AL.	
	Examiner C. J. Arbes	Art Unit 3729	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Junge (Pat. Doc. 2004/0026938 A1); hereinafter Junge.

Junge teaches a placement machine that can move at least two (2) elements or ICs from a wafer. Grippers (5) or elements can move independently along a linear path or predetermined direction.. The grippers are associated with a gripping device (3). If in fact Junge does not expressly teach moving a 1st element (gripper) relative to a 2nd element (gripper) in a direction opposite to the predetermined direction (Cf. Fig. 1) it would have been obvious to do so (in order to keep the gripper at one desired position while the other gripper was proceeding to position other than one at which it was located prior to its moving. Furthermore as applied to claims 12 and 13 it is held to have been obvious to provide that the 1st element move in a predetermined direction over a distance substantially equal to the distance equal to the distance equal to the distance over which the 2nd element is moved in the opposite direction and that the 1st element is moved in the predetermined distance with a speed that is substantially equal to the speed with which the 2nd element is moved in the opposite direction.

Claims 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Junge in view of Duquette et al (Pat. Doc. 2003/0110610 A1); hereinafter Duquette et al.

Junge has been explained in detail hereinabove. Duquette et al teach a pick-and-place apparatus that has an image sensor (200) that is included with a placement head (206). (Cf. page 2). It would have been obvious to combine the 2 teachings and to provide that one of the elements (5) include a image sensor.

Claims 14 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants' remarks filed on or about 20 August 2009 have been carefully reviewed but are not held to be persuasive for at least the following reason. Apparently It is Applicants' position that Applicants' priority document viz. PCT/1B0394928 precedes the earliest or priority date of the prior art teaching of Junge's (Pat Doc. 2004/0026938) (which document has a foreign priority date of 26 June 2002. The Office retorts to Applicants' arguments as follows. Applicants' priority document must be translated, and certified and provided inasmuch as there is no provision that the PCT Document and the priority document be identical.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. J. Arbes whose telephone number is 571-272-4563. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, R and F from 8 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, D. Banks, can be reached on (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/C. J. Arbes/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3729